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The need to systematically evaluate CDC's HIV prevention efforts in the United States has been long recognized. Over the years, various evaluation studies and "lessons-learned" documents have made contributions to the understanding of the activities set in motion by the disbursement and application of governmental resources. Many studies and documents have served to illuminate the effects of programs and policies. Until now, however, there have been no systematic, standardized approaches to documenting and assessing the effects of HIV prevention funding. Evaluation findings are not comparable among health departments and not generalizable to the national level. Consequently, the application of findings from past work has been limited. With the issuance of this document that changes. Health departments and CDC can now employ common strategies and measures to document and understand the varied and numerous programs they have funded and implemented.

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